

USAG DARMSTADT CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY

<i>Age or Grade of Child</i>	<i>May be Left Alone at Home</i>	<i>May be Left Alone Overnight</i>	<i>May be Left Outside Unattended (Including Playing)</i>	<i>May Be Left Unattended in a Vehicle</i>	<i>May Babysit Siblings</i>	<i>May Babysit Others (besides siblings)</i>
<i>Newborn through age 4</i>	No	No	No	No	No	No
<i>Kindergarten through Grade 5</i>	No (Note 1)	No	<p>1. Kindergarten thru grade 3: Yes if in a playground with immediate access to adult supervision (sight/hearing distance) (Notes 2 &3)</p> <p>2. Grades 4 and 5: Yes, in playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision.</p> <p>3. Kindergarteners may not walk to and from school or other supervised activities alone.</p> <p>4. 1st through 5th graders may walk to and from school and other supervised activities alone. (Notes 2, 3, &4)</p>	<p>1. No (Note 1)</p> <p>2. Grades 4 and 5: Yes, for up to 10 minutes (when an adult is picking up mail or paying for gasoline) if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied. (Notes 3 & 5)</p>	No	No
<i>Grades 6 and 7</i>	Yes, up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (but not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision. (Notes 2, 3, 4, & 6)	No	Yes, up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision. (Notes 2, 3, 4, & 6)	Yes (Notes 2, 3, &5)	<p>1. Grade 6: Yes, for up to 3 hours with ready access to an adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4 and 6)</p> <p>2. Grade 7: yes up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 3, 4, & 6)</p>	<p>1. 6th graders: No.</p> <p>2. 7th graders: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (Notes: 2, 3, 4, & 6).</p>
<i>Grades 8, 9 and 10</i>	Yes, but not overnight (Note 3)	No	Yes (Note 3)	Yes (Notes 2, 3, & 5)	Yes, up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (Notes 2, 3, 4, & 6)	Yes, up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (Notes 2, 3, 4, & 6)

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<i>Grades 11 and 12</i>	Yes (Note 3)	Yes, up to 48 hours, but an adult neighbor or adult friend must check on them at least every 12 hours. Minors will have telephone access to a neighbor in case of emergency and must know where at least one parent is (Note 2)	Yes (Note 2)	Yes (Note 2, 3, & 5)	Yes (Note 3, 4, & 6)	Yes (Note 3, 4, & 6)

NOTES:

1. Parents must make an informed choice (e.g. regarding heat, level of danger, amount of time) when carrying groceries from the car to the stairwell apartment or when doing laundry and leaving the child in the stairwell apartment.
2. Adult supervision is defined as “someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend).
3. Parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children. Questions to answer may include “Can your child solve problems independently?” “Does your child think through to the consequences before choosing to behave in a certain way?” “How does your child occupy him or herself when left with free time?”
4. Ready access is defined as “a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision.”
5. Children may have difficulty assessing dangerous weather conditions (e.g. extreme heat or cold) and taking action to protect themselves.
6. Red Cross or CYS babysitting training is strongly recommended.